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Flag day ceremony planned

American Legion Post 20, along with the American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion are hosting Flag Day Ceremonies at 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 14 at the Post, located at 101 S.E. Ave. D, Belle Glade.

The community is invited to participate and learn more about the American Flag, its proper care and how to handle disposal of worn out or damaged flags.

Vacation Bible School

A Community Vacation Bible School is being sponsored jointly by the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches of Belle Glade for the week of June 16-20. It will be held at the Methodist Church, 401 S.W. First Street, Belle Glade and will be for families of all ages.

The time will be from 7 to 9 p.m. each evening with Bible lessons, crafts and refreshments.

The community is invited to attend.

Storyteller to be at local libraries

Javier Del Sol, a master storyteller, will present programs at the Belle-Glade, Pahokee and South Bay Libraries on Wednesday, June 18.

He will be at the Belle Glade branch from 10 to 10:30 a.m.; the Pahokee branch from 11:30 a.m. to noon and at the South Bay branch from 1 to 1:30 p.m.

These programs are open to children ages 4-8. For more information, call the Belle Glade Branch Library at 996-3453.

First Baptist sponsors summer camp

First Baptist Church, Belle Glade is sponsoring Summer Camp for youth in grades three through high school.

Camp begins June 30 and runs through August 8, Monday through Friday.

Cost is \$75 for the six-week camp and includes transportation, supervision and trips for roller skating, miniature golf, bowling, etc. There is an extra charge for trips to The Rapids Water Park and to Planet Ice.

Participants must provide for their own lunch. Call the church office at 996-5596 to register or for additional information.

Gospel Concert at The Prince Theatre

Bringing family entertainment downtown, Pahokee Main Stage announces a gospel concert at the Prince, The Main Street Theatre, on Friday, June 27, 7:30 p.m.

The "Carol Peaden Showcases" will feature two quartets, The Celebrations, Singers for Jesus, as well as soloists Aaron Cordell and Annetta Smith who will join Ms. Peaden for an evening of gospel music.

"You will not want to miss this special evening of great gospel music," said Shirley Jarriel, Pahokee Main Stage coordinator. "Please come out and support these singers who are giving their time and talent for the enjoyment of our community."

There is no admission charge for the concert, however, donations will be accepted for the redecoration of the theater.

Women's Seminar offered

Darlene Neptune, of Naples, Florida, will be leading a seminar on Saturday, June 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 17 N.W. Ave. B, Belle Glade.

Lunch and child care will be provided. The cost of the seminar is \$25 and needs to be paid to the church office by June 6. Mrs. Neptune's topic will be "What can I do with my hands and feet to do the will of God?" Mrs. Neptune said she communicates with ladies on how God has touched her life - not only miraculously healing her of a brain tumor, but how He helps her deal with the mental and physical pain of Lyme Disease. The seminar is open to all ladies in the community.

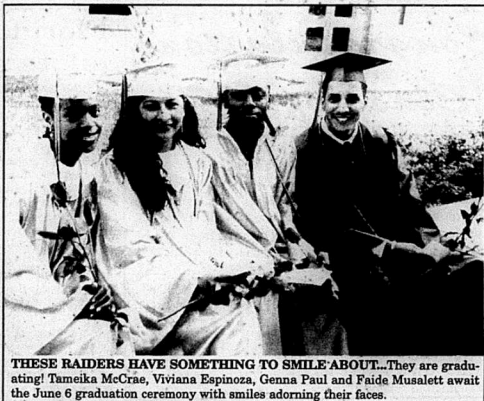
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Hat's off to the Class of 1997



PROUD TO BE BLUE DEVIL ALUMNI...These happy graduates show off their diplomas to the large crowd that attended Pahokee's graduation exercises Saturday, June 7.



THESE RAIDERS HAVE SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT...They are graduating! Tameika McCrae, Viviana Espinoza, Genna Paul and Faide Mueslett await the June 6 graduation ceremony with smiles adorning their faces.

Glades Central Community High School & Pahokee High School celebrate the Class of 1997 and their accomplishments

By Stephanie Schneider
Sun Reporter

Glades Central and Pahokee High School celebrated the Class of 1997 and their accomplishments with commencement exercises held Friday, June 6 for Glades Central and Saturday, June 7 for Pahokee.



On Friday night, Glades Central Community High School's gymnasium was filled to capacity with fam-

ily, friends, and visitors who waited in line outside of the gym to catch a look at the graduating seniors.

As the band played the graduation march, Valedictorian Ruth Crosbie, Salutatorian Betty Pettitomme and Honorary Donna Faye Ward led the Class of 1997 to their final assembly.

Miss Crosbie addressed her classmates and left them with some personal advice, "March to your own drums and dance to your own music."

Miss Pettitomme addressed the crowd in both Creole and English.

Pahokee High School's gymnasium was where the graduating Blue Devils

ended their reign as seniors when they accepted the diplomas they worked so hard for.

Valedictorian Erick Turasz and Salutatorian Tamara Starks led the Class of 1997 to and from the commencement exercises but also addressed their class, friends, family, and faculty of Pahokee

High School.

Mr. Turasz spoke of the pride he felt to be a graduate of a small town high school and how the Class of 1997 was proof that people who graduate from small town high schools like Pahokee High School can be successful.

As Mr. Turasz said, "Chapter 1 in their books

entitles Life has been completed."



Middle school students need to start immunizations now

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

Parents of middle school students could get a rude awakening in the fall if they don't get their child's immunizations started now. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the U.S. Public Health Services says Palm Beach County students entering seventh grade will be required to have completed the hepatitis B vaccination series, a second measles vaccination (preferably MMR) and a tetanus-diphtheria booster (TD) before entering school in the fall.

The Department of

Health school nurses will be handling immunizations on June 25 and 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lake Shore Middle School and again July 28 and 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Parents can bring their child to the school for the immunizations or take their children to a private doctor or to the Department of Health for immunizations.

Students entering kindergarten, sixth or ninth grades and students new to the Florida School System must have a physical examination, including a TB test, dated at least 12 months prior to their

first day of entry into school. The TB test results and the test reading date must be indicated on the physical examination form. All students entering kindergarten, first, second, third and fourth grades must now have a second measles shot. A Haemophilus Influenza type B (HIB) vaccination is required for public preschool and for child day care attendees from two months through 59 months of age.

Any parent needing additional information should contact Mrs. E. Pyfford or Ms. C. Verdusco at 993-4046.

Woman critical after accident on Dead Man's Curve, Pahokee

A Pahokee woman is in critical condition in St. Mary's Hospital, West Palm Beach, after her car was hit head-on on Dead Man's Curve on S.R. 15, Pahokee. Sylvia Carter, 45, of Seville Street, Pahokee was airlifted to St. Mary's after the accident. Florida Highway Patrol Trooper J.R. Wigfall said Carter was

struck head-on by Frank James Edmond Jr., of Royal Palm Beach, who was trying to avoid another passing vehicle.

The other driver did not stop to assist and police say they are still investigating the accident.

Edmond's 1994 Isuzu was totalled but he received only minor injuries.



RETIRING TO A LIFE OF GOLF...Glades Day School's Headmaster Edward J. "Buddy" Sizemore was presented a new golf bag complete with a new set of clubs in honor of his dedicated service to Glades Day and his retirement. Pictured are Tommy Altman, Buddy Sizemore, his wife Charla and Martha Lynn Weeks. See story on page 8.

SUNPHOTO BY STEPHANIE SCHNEIDER

27 farm worker homes built in Osceola Center

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

Belle Glade can always use more good housing and now there's 27 new rental units in town. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held June 4 at Osceola Center to open 27 new units consisting of four, one bedroom homes, 20, two-bedroom rentals, two, three bedroom and one, four-bedroom house as well as a day care facility. Eighteen older homes were demolished to make room for the new units.

"Housing is always an important part of the community and we need more good housing," said Belle Glade Mayor Steve Weeks in his opening remarks at the site, located off Avenue L, Belle Glade.

USDA Rural Development Acting State Director Ron Whitfield was on hand for the

ceremonies, as was Belle Glade Housing Authority Director Lois Davis and Housing Authority Board members Allen Sullivan and Horace Harris.

A total of \$2,810,800 in loan and grant funds was awarded to the Belle Glade Housing Authority by Rural Development for this project. "With the completion of the 27 units, the complex will consist of 742 units," said Mrs. Davis. "These additional units will provide decent, safe and sanitary housing for farm workers in Palm Beach County. The Housing Authority has been providing housing for farm workers since the 1930's. Rural Development has been assisting the Authority since 1968 and have invested over 16.5 million dollars in loans and grants

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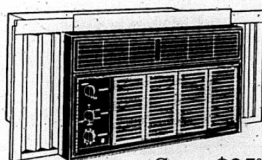
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Letter to the editor

Dear Editor:

The USS Tripoli Association will hold its Seventh Annual reunion October 1 through 5, 1997 in Pensacola, Florida.

The organization is trying to contact former crew members, flight crews and Marine Squadrons HMM-164 & 165. Your help will not only be appreciated by those already located but also by those former crew members in your area

who are unaware of our present existence. For further information please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Professor helps preserve one of the last untouched coastal towns

By Steve Orlando
University of Florida News

Charlie Gallagher's dirt road, clapboard neighborhood may be on the National Register of Historic Places, but he doesn't get too excited about it. Maybe it's because he's seen so much of Old Town's history firsthand.

"I was born in this house 72 years ago," he said, sitting on his front porch and gazing toward the nearby Amelia River. "It's been just like this all my life, just like it is now."

But the semiretired shrimp and fish camp owner knows change is coming. Developers, responding to news of plans for street paving and sidewalk and sewerage installation, are buying land and readying to build up one of the last undeveloped spots on Florida's east coast.

Gallagher just hopes he and his neighbors don't become strangers in their own land. A University of Florida architecture professor and a team of architects are seeing to it they don't.

Fernandina Beach city officials called on William Tilson last year to create guidelines to keep growth from overwhelming the roughly 30-acre community of eclectic architecture at the north end of Amelia Island.

Tilson and his team started the work in August. Their aim: To preserve the area's diverse history and general feel without imposing overly strict limits and stymieing growth.

Given Old Town's historic significance, that could be a tall order.

"Old Town was the last town platted by the Spanish in the western hemisphere. This is really a pure example of Spanish land planning," said Tilson, who thoroughly researched Old Town's history.

First settled by the Spanish in the 1560s, the area was the original site of the town of Fernandina. Like many places in Florida, it was under several flags - including the British from 1764 to 1783, the Spanish again in 1811 and American in 1812.

When a railroad head was established after the Civil War farther south in what now is downtown Fernandina Beach, Old Town was left behind. A paper mill built later at Old Town's southern edge further isolated the area. In recent years, downtown Fernandina Beach became a trendy Victorian shopping and dining spot. Old Town saw no such revival.

In February 1995, Fernandina Beach secured a \$600,000 federal Community Development Block Grant. That's when developers began buying up land in earnest. It's also when city leaders realized they needed to act quickly.

"There was a sense of urgency because we knew the development was coming and without any guidelines the place was going to be overdeveloped," said Jose Miranda Jr., a Fernandina Beach architect who served on the city's historic district council and helped bring Tilson into the picture.

The improvements, already See Old Town, Page 5



Remembering a good dad on Father's Day, June 15

By Mark W. Merrill
Florida Family Council

At the outbreak of the Spanish-American War in the spring of 1898, Theodore Roosevelt, who was then assistant secretary of the Navy, began organizing his legendary regiment of Rough Riders. After a four-day, four-night train ride from San Antonio, the newly recruited Rough Riders arrived in Tampa "very tired and very dirty." Training began at once and the future president of the United States found time to write but one letter, "Blessed Bunnies," he began in a tender note to his children as he prepared to step across the historic threshold from peace to war.

Teddy Roosevelt was many things, but what mattered most to him was being a father. Joan Paterson Keer, who has collected Roosevelt's letters in *A Bully Father: Theodore Roosevelt's Letters to His Children*, makes a point worth noting: Theodore was the quintessential family man. In letter after letter that he wrote to his family and friends, he spoke of the pride, the love and the joy that he derived from his family. No matter that he had achieved

the highest position in the land, his wife and children came first." Roosevelt always saw his family as the needle of his life's compass. As he once wrote to his sister, Corinne, whether in victory or defeat, he had "the happiest home life of any man whom I have ever known."

It is remarkable to reflect on how this incredibly busy man - President, Explorer, Author, and Rough Rider - found the time to relate with each of his children as individuals. With little Alice, he spent hours on the floor building block houses and delighting her with stories of the make-believe people who inhabited them. Ted, Jr. spent time with his father pretending to fight the Civil War battle of Mobile Bay with paste-board models of boats. Young Kermit delighted in riding their pony General Grant, which TR led around Sagamore Hill for hours at a time. Ethel and Archie enjoyed roughhousing, tackling their father and pinning him to the ground in triumph, actually believing they won every wrestling match.

The study of Teddy Roosevelt as his father is a testament to his priorities. He did not live to

see his face on Mount Rushmore or to appreciate just how much he captured the imagination of the country. But he did live to see the children he loved grow to adulthood and develop into honest, hardworking citizens who built families of their own.

You may never be president of the United States or see your face on Mount Rushmore, but you can make a difference in your family and community by being a responsible father. Fatherhood is a commitment to priorities and oftentimes a sacrifice, but it is also a privilege and an honor. The joy to be received from spending time with your children - playing ball or dolls, riding bikes, reading books, or letting them win wrestling matches - is much more rewarding and eternally significant than any present you could open this Father's Day.

Mark W. Merrill is a member of the Commission on Responsible Fatherhood and president of Florida Family Council, a statewide, non-profit research and education organization dedicated to strengthening the family.



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Let's have a fun -- and safe -- Fourth of July

By Bill Nelson

State Fire Marshal & Insurance Commissioner
"And the rockets" red glare, the bombs bursting in air, gave proof through the night..."

We all know these inspiring words by Francis Scott Key, who witnessed the gallant defense of Fort McHenry against British invaders during the War of 1812.

We learned them by heart as school children, or perhaps later in life as immigrants to this great land. We sing them in unison at civic or sporting events. During the Fourth of July weekend, we reflect upon the meaning of our national anthem while enjoying community fireworks displays.

Unfortunately, other July 4th activities - such as "bottle-rocket wars" and random fireworks displays - can mar the fun and safety of the holiday for many Floridians, especially our children. What starts as a game can end in tragedy, when youths point or throw bottle rockets at others, or engage in other dangerous pranks.

Nationally, each year fireworks cause about 12,000 injuries that require emergency treatment. Children under age 14 suffer nearly half of these injuries, according to the National Safety Council, a non-profit, public service organization.

In 1996, Floridians reported 178 fires started by fireworks and causing thousands of dollars of property damages.

Florida law prohibits the sale or use of fireworks, except for certain non-explosive items such as sparklers. The law allows for the sale or use of trick noisemakers and novelty products,

such as party poppers, snake pellets, smoke bombs and similar items. The sale and use of illegal fireworks can result in a one year jail term and fine of up to \$1,000.

The National Fire Protection Association, a non-profit organization of fire service, insurance industry and other professionals, sets the guidelines for public fireworks displays. Under its direction, the Division of State Fire Marshal tests and approves sparklers for sale in Florida.

We can all enjoy a safer July 4th by remembering these basic steps:

- Carefully read the warning labels and directions on sparkler packages or other products since improper use can cause burns or other injuries;
- Light sparklers in a clear, outdoor area, away from automobiles, homes, trash piles, dry leaves or flammable materials;
- Light only one sparkler at a time while standing on a smooth, flat surface, and hold the sparkler at arm's length since its tip can reach a temperature of more than 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit;
- Keep a large bucket of water handy to use in case of malfunctioning (i.e. dud) products;
- Keep onlookers at least 30 feet away from any display;
- Keep celebrations under parental supervision and don't allow toddlers or young children to handle sparklers; and,
- Keep your pets away from displays. Dogs have especially sensitive hearing and may need to go into a quiet, dark room.

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FIRST PLACE IN CRIMINAL APPREHENSION. Belle Glade K-9 Bobby and handler Officer John Owens took first place in the Criminal Apprehension portion at K-9 Certification trials held May 19-23 in Ft. Walton Beach, Florida. Bobby scored 332.67 out of a possible 340 to take the trophy. He and Officer Owens also scored 639.17 out of a possible 700 in the overall competition and 14 overall out of 39 dogs. Officer Owens and Bobby recently completed a 10 week narcotics school and are now certified.

Groups sought for Glades Gospel Fest

The Glades Youth For Christ organization will be hosting the Glades Gospel Fest, an evening of gospel music from singing groups around the Glades. This event is the brain child of Desmond Harriot, who is the director of the Youth For Christ - Glades.

The Gospel Fest will be held June 21 at 7 p.m. at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center and tickets are \$5. Donations will be used to help the children in Youth For Christ take a trip to Washington, D.C. this summer.

Gospel Fest Chairperson

Cheree Bowens is seeking participation of church choirs, ensembles, singing groups and talented individuals who wish to be a part of the evening. Interested groups or individuals may call Mr. Bowens at 996-0100, extension 620, during the day or evenings at 992-1525.

Belle Glade Police Dept. arrest blotter

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 646 complaints and worked 17 crime scenes the week of June 2-8. Those arrested included:

June 2 - Jerome Dawkins, 24, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, domestic battery, Juvenile, 17, aggravated battery.

June 3 - Cynthia Nixon, 26, battery.

June 4 - Jose Maldonado, 30, failure to appear, armed burglary, three counts of grand theft with a firearm, grand theft; **Jeremiah Sheely, 43,** possession of marijuana over 20 grams and possession of

marijuana with intent to sell; **Willie Green, 23,** failure to appear; **Juvenile, 16,** failure to appear.

June 5 - Johnny Romero, 33, grand theft; **Kenji Simeon, 26,** aggravated assault with a firearm; **Juvenile, 17,** pick up order.

June 6 - Lousiana Jones, 35, contempt of court; **Juvenile, 15,** retail theft; **Juvenile, 15,** retail theft.

June 7 - Robert Morgan, 33, two counts of failure to appear; **Winston Gurrick, 31,** domestic battery; **Roberto Herrera, 30,** domestic battery; **James Joseph, 38,** domestic battery.

June 8 - Richard McCrae, 35, aggravated battery on pregnant female; **Roosevelt Camble, 20,** burglary of a structure, possession of burglary tools and grand theft; **Juvenile, 16,** burglary of a structure and possession of burglary tools and grand theft.

The police news in this newspaper lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated.

Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate **Rodrigo Sanchez Flores**, who is wanted for robbery with a firearm and aggravated assault with a firearm.

Flores is 5' 5" tall and weighs 150 pounds. He has a scar on his left eye and lip. He is thought to be at large in the Belle Glade area. He has black hair and brown eyes and his date of birth is March 3, 1970.

His Social Security Number is 591-78-6136 and his last job was as a laborer.

His warrant was active as of June 3, 1997. If you know the whereabouts of **Rodrigo Sanchez Flores**, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

Pahokee Police Dept. arrest blotter

The Pahokee Police Department made 11 arrests or issued warrants the week of June 2-8. Those included were:

June 2 - Willie Scott, 25, warrant issued for contempt of court; **Juvenile, 14,** battery on a detention staff member.

June 3 - Tyrone Jones, 25, warrant issued for failure to comply with a judges orders, and a warrant issued for violation of probation.

June 4 - Charlie Lambry, 34, domestic battery.

June 5 - Eddoard L. Scarlett, 41, warrant issued for order of commitment, possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

June 6 - Juvenile, 16, aggravated battery; **Juvenile, 16,** possession of marijuana; **Juvenile, 16,** possession of marijuana.

June 7 - Renaldo Ward, 40,

aggravated domestic battery; **Adrian Banks, 20,** aggravated battery.

June 8 - Juvenile, 14, battery on a commitment staff member.



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delayed once, are scheduled to begin in mid-June and take three to four months to finish. Tison said he doesn't foresee old town guidelines dictating such details as paint colors and window styles. Rather, he said, the idea will be to reflect the area's diverse nature in a more casual way.

Among the things he plans are streets paved with coquina - a crushed seashell construction material commonly used by the Spanish - and maintain-

ing their 20-foot width. Also, the original plat called for lots that are 46 feet wide and 92 feet deep, fairly small by modern standards. Tison wants to make sure that even if lots are combined, development will conform to the historic pattern of building. That might mean larger, modern buildings would be divided into smaller elements to maintain the scale and massing suggested by the Spanish grid plan. Perhaps most importantly, said

Tison, Old Town's current residents must not be shoved aside to make way for development. Bill Kavanaugh, owner of the Tiger Point Marina in Old Town and a sixth-generation resident of Fernandina Beach, said he likes what he sees and hears about Tison's plan for the community. "It's been a stepchild for all these years," said Kavanaugh, 45. "Hopefully, they'll maintain the historic architecture of the village. History's real important."

The EDGE Center elects new board

The EDGE Center, Inc., the new business assistance and incubator program for the Glades - promoting Enterprise Development For Glades Entrepreneurs, recently announced the election of offi-

cers for their Board of Directors. They are: Esther Berry, chairman; Sue Tents, vice chairman; Alice Thompson, secretary; and Diana Wilson, treasurer. Carl Seipert is the center's executive director.

business on Thursday, June 12 at 6 p.m. at South Bay City Hall, 335 SW 2nd Avenue in South Bay.



GED test to be given

The General Education Diploma test will be given at Glades Central Community High School on June 17, 18, and 19 at 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Adults interested in taking the test should register in telecommunity school office before 5 p.m. on June 17. The cost of the test is \$25.00. For more information call the community school office at 993-4404.

Board sets meeting

The Glades Management Board, a board dealing with health care issues in the Glades, will hold a public

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4-30 Mr. William Hales & Ms. Stephanie D. Ferguson, Pahokee, son, William DeShawn, 7 lb. 9 1/2 oz.

5-1 Mr. & Mrs. Jose M. Castanon (Elisa Guzman), Clewiston, son, Manuel, Jr., 7 lb. 10 3/4 oz.

5-1 Mr. & Mrs. Camilo J. Zamora (Inna Almanza), Clewiston, daughter, Denise, 8 lb. 1 oz.

5-3 Mr. Jacob J. Polk & Ms. Joyce A. Young, Pahokee, daughter, Ja'Kima JaKeria, 6 lb. 7 1/2 oz.

5-3 Mr. Terence A. Byrd, Sr. & Ms. Jacqueline M. Gaskin, Fort Pierce, son, Terence Alexander, Jr., 5 lb. 16 oz.

5-4 Mr. & Mrs. William M. Orr (Stephanie Hickman), Pahokee, daughter, Le'Stephanie La'Surprise, 7 lb. 5 3/4 oz.

5-5 Mr. & Mrs. Mario L. Perez (Magdalena Alvarez), Belle Glade, daughter, Jennifer, 7 lb. 8 1/4 oz.

5-5 Mr. Demetrius A. Gibson & Ms. Tamika R. Bradley, Belle Glade, daughter, Dametria Alexandria, 7 lb. 9 oz.

5-7 Ms. Jill Robinson, Clewiston, son, Zachary James, 7 lb. 10 oz.

5-7 Mr. & Mrs. Christopher H. Samuel (Daisy M. Pugh), Okeechobee, son, Christopher Howard, Jr., 7 lb. 4 1/4 oz.

5-10 Mr. Scott D. Cannon & Ms. Nicole M. Williams, Okeechobee, son, Malique Javion, 8 lb. 3 1/2 oz.

5-12 Ms. Shannon M. Kirchman, Okeechobee, daughter, Savannah Jean, 7 lb. 6 3/4 oz.

5-12 Mr. & Mrs. Daniel P. Walton (Wendy I. Schoelerman), Okeechobee, daughter, Rose Marie, 7 lb. 3/4 oz.

5-14 Mr. & Mrs. Rodolfo Tovar (Rebeca Rodriguez), Belle Glade, son, Simiei Abby, 8 lb. 8 3/4 oz.

5-14 Mr. Anthony L. Jackson & Ms. Charkiel D. Inman, Belle Glade, daughter, Ant'Keaira Lashana, 5 lb. 15 1/2 oz.

5-15 Ms. Mary Ann Borges, Pahokee, son, Christian Alfaro, 6 lb. 13 1/2 oz.

5-15 Ms. Tarsha Lakia Kyles, Pahokee, son, Richard Lavier, Jr., 7 lb. 8 oz.

5-16 Ms. Lisa Gaye Bonnell, Pahokee, daughter, Hannah Joi, 7 lb. 8 oz.

5-16 Mr. Calvin D. Spencer & Ms. Monique L. Green, Belle Glade, daughter, Brianna Monique, 7 lb. 4 oz.

5-20 Mr. & Mrs. Nemon Sainnatus (Anna Mathuren), Port Pierce, son, Edison, 9 lb. 7 oz.

5-20 Mr. David A. Miller & Ms. Tatia R. Boldin, Pahokee, daughter, David Antanique, 8 lb. 3 oz.

5-21 Mr. & Mrs. Nemisio Mata, Jr.,

(Leticia Manjarez), Belle Glade, daughter, Julia Anna, 6 lb. 12 1/2 oz.

5-21 Mr. & Mrs. Richard T. Hatten, (Sherril L. Herring), Pahokee, daughter, Daphne Grace, 7 lb. 3 oz.

5-22 Mr. & Mrs. Robert A. Powell (Lisa Ann Webb), Okeechobee, son, Allen Chace, 6 lb. 6 1/2 oz.

5-22 Mr. & Mrs. David Rodriguez (Maria N. Diaz), Belle Glade, son, David Rodriguez, Jr., 7 lb. 8 oz.

5-24 Mr. Rebert Rosseau & Ms. Torneika L. Anderson, Belle Glade, son, Ralph Demond, Jr., 7 lb. 2 oz.

5-25 Mr. Ralph D. Butts, Sr. & Ms. Tomeika L. Anderson, Belle Glade, son, Clifford, 8 lb. 7 oz.

5-26 Mr. & Mrs. Miguel Rosales (Sofia Chaves), Canal Point, daughter, Rylee, 6 lb. 9 oz.

5-28 Mr. & Mrs. Jose A. Garcia (Dora E. Gonzalez), Clewiston, daughter, Norman Jean, 7 lb. 6 oz.

5-29 Mr. & Mrs. Isaias Razo (Eva Lara), Pahokee, daughter, LeTicia, 7 lb. 6 oz.

5-30 Ms. Patricia Rendon Berreles, Clewiston, daughter, Nina Alicia, 6 lb. 10 1/4 oz.

5-31 Mr. & Mrs. Jesus Jasso, Jr. (Mirtha Aide), Belle Glade, son, Jesus Jasso, III, 9 lb. 2 3/4 oz.



Miss Wong & Mr. Pace

Pace and Wong to unite in holy matrimony July 26

Richard and Joyce L. Pace of Pahokee are proud to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their son, Richard Duane Pace, to Elizabeth Ann Wong.

Miss Wong is the daughter of Martha S. Wong of Clewiston, Tennessee and Daniel Wong of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Wilma A. Smith of Bradenton, Florida.

Mr. Pace is a graduate of Pahokee High School. He attended Lee College in Clewiston, Tennessee and obtained a BS degree in Accounting & Business Administration. He is employed with United States Sugar Corporation as a Senior Accountant and is attending the Church of God School of Theology in Cleveland, Tennessee and will graduate in 1998 with a Master of Divinity.

Miss Wong is a graduate of Lee College in Cleveland with a degree in Psychology and is presently employed with Life Care Centers of America as a Division Staff Manager in Cleveland, Tennessee.

The wedding will be held on July 26 at 2 p.m. at North Cleveland Church of God.

The couple will reside in Cleveland until Mr. Pace graduates.

Two Glades Day students attend American Legion Boys and Girls State programs in Tallahassee

Two Glades Day High School students will enter their senior year this fall with a deeper understanding of their rights and privileges as an American citizen thanks to the American Legion.

Kelly Ann Vickery, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Barry Vickery of Belle Glade will participate in the American Legion Girls States June 5-13, 1997 at Florida State University in Tallahassee. She is

sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary Unit 20 in Belle Glade. John Courson, son of Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Courson of Lake Harbor will participate in The American Legion Boys State

June 12-21 at Florida State University in Tallahassee. He is sponsored by American Legion Post 20 in Belle Glade.

During their stays in Tallahassee, John and Kelly will gain first-hand experience in the practical functions of city, county and state government. They will participate in all facets of a mythical democratic society including the election of city, county and state officials and establish a supreme court.

While at Florida American Legions Girls & Boys State, several members of state government and other elected officials of Girls & Boys State will be able to carry out their duties.

Many of today's influential figures, including President Bill Clinton, astronaut Neil Armstrong, NBC News Anchor Tom Brokaw, Governor Lawton Chiles and many others have taken part in The American Legion Boys State program since it began in Illinois in 1935. Florida's program began in 1940 and will celebrate its 54th anniversary.



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HEALTH WATCH

The Importance of Teamwork

By Paula Swaford, RN

If you are a TV watcher, like most of America, you are probably aware that "several of the sports playoffs are being televised, almost nightly. Although you may or may not be a certified sports enthusiast, you must admire the team that obviously works together as a team. If you have ever played a team sport you know that there are good players and good team players, as well as poor players and poor team players. The all-star quarterback can decide to keep the ball and run with it, even though everyone else sees an open pass receiver far downfield. Often in an attempt for personal glory, this quarterback gets sacked. Coaches, as a rule, would trade the "glory bound" for a good team player any day. They are looking for people who are willing to sacrifice personal acclaim for the good of the entire team. The same principle applies to your work team.

Few of us exist in business without a team surrounding



Paula Swaford, RN

us. We are members of our employer's team and they expect us to work in a team-building atmosphere. What would happen if you were hospitalized and all the doctors and nurses had their own specific agendas to delegate your care? The care you received would be ineffective and disappointed due to the fact that they were all acting independently and none of them would have your best interest at heart.

Being a good team member involves several things. We must know what the team

wants to accomplish. If all of the employees are kept in the dark, no one on the team will know what to do. Secondly, we need to determine the goals to be accomplished. Input from everyone is valuable. Your contribution is important. Just remember that the president of a giant corporation may be recognized as important, but the job cannot be done without the shelves you stock, the cloth you weave, the wood you finish, the sale you make, the machinery you build, the smile you give a new customer. The company cannot survive without people like you. Discuss the ground rules, procedures and expectations to avoid most future disagreements.

Team members show mutual respect for other members of the team. You've got to be willing to trust the skill and expertise of other group members and to become interdependent, forsaking some of your own independence to do so. If only one member of the team can do the job, then what happens to the organization when that

member leaves, dies, etc.? Through education and delegation, we can make the team more efficient and stronger than a one person show.

The fourth item is to do your part. Keep commitments you make to co-workers. Volunteer to help out teammates when they face a tight deadline. Let them know that you are willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done. Speak up. To be a team member is a big responsibility. Some people prefer to sit on the sidelines their entire life and watch while others "play the game." They withhold any contributions they might have made, then sit back and later say, "I told you so." Good team members don't do that. They are committed at the outset and are willing to reveal their thoughts and feelings to others. Overall, it takes courage to be a good team player.

Finally, you must share the glory. You will make a poor team player if you try to cop all the glory for the ideas that work - and backpedal on those

that don't. A good team member wants everyone on the team to succeed. You can stand out by praising the people you work with. It makes good business sense. Those who make it to the top management positions are those who can motivate others to work cooperatively. It isn't easy to be a good team player. And it won't always be noticed when you are. But you will know. And eventually so will everyone else.

Just remember this: None of us are important or insignificant; none of our jobs or achievements are small. In the economy of our world, there are no little people. To succeed

in today's world, it takes energy and effort from all members of the team. Until next time...Stay informed and stay healthy.

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Light Activated Drug Shines as New Treatment for Advanced Esophageal Cancer

Mayo Clinic Jacksonville doctors are the first in the Southeast to use photodynamic therapy to treat patients with advanced esophageal cancer, greatly improving their ability to swallow and eat foods they enjoy.

"These patients often can't eat or even swallow their saliva," says gastroenterologist Dr. Herbert Wolfstein. "This treatment is one way of preventing the tumor from completely closing the esophagus. It's not a cure, but it can greatly improve the patient's quality of life."

Photodynamic therapy is a two-step, outpatient procedure that involves injecting a light activated drug and, two days later, exposing the cancerous tissue to a certain spectrum of light. The light activated drug being used at Mayo Clinic Jacksonville is called Photofrin. The Food and Drug Administration approved the drug for treating advanced esophageal cancer after studies found that swallowing improved in 76 percent of patients with complete esophageal blockage who received Photofrin treatment.

Photofrin is injected intravenously and accumulates in

tumor tissue in greater concentration than in healthy cells. Two days later, a thin, fiberoptic probe is inserted into the patient's esophagus. Low energy red laser light is focused on the cancerous tissue for five to 20 minutes. The light "switches on" the drug, which destroys the tumor cells. Because the drug is concentrated in cancerous tissue, there is little damage to surrounding healthy tissue.

The first Mayo Jacksonville patient to receive Photofrin treatment at the clinic is an 82-year-old North Carolina man who had to puree solid food to swallow it. "He should soon be able to eat a regular diet with no special restrictions," Wolfstein said.

Patients who undergo photodynamic therapy remain very sensitive to sun and light for sensitive to sun and light for six to eight weeks. They must stay away from direct sunlight and high intensity reading lamps and are urged not to go outdoors until after sundown. Other side effects can include fever, nausea, constipation and swelling around the esophagus, which can cause chest discomfort.

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Glades General Hospital Art Contest

Glades General Hospital sponsored an art contest for the elementary school children of Belle Glade and South Bay. Participating schools were Gladesview, Rosenwald, Gove Elementary and Belle Glade Elementary. All the participants were excellent and very much appreciated. The following showed outstanding efforts in these categories: Design, Hilton Jasper of Gladesview; Color, Adam Pineda of Belle Glade Elementary; Health Message, James Fields from Gove Elementary; Show, Josh Deslin and Amanda Martinez of Rosenwald and Humor, Anita Lenay Smith from Gladesview.

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SCHOOL NEWS & STUDENT INTEREST

Edward J. "Buddy" Sizemore, Glades Day School's beloved Headmaster, retires

By Stephanie Schneider and Charla'da. - Tommy Sun Reporter Altman

Edward J. "Buddy" Sizemore, Glades Day School's Headmaster for 6 years, announced his retirement earlier this year and was honored by friends, faculty, staff and students of Glades Day School on June 1, 1997.

Sizemore has served Glades Day School for over 20 years; as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, a teacher, a parent, and Headmaster.

Mr. Sizemore was honored with a plaque and proclamation given by Mayor Steve Weeks stating some of his life-long accomplishments. He was also presented a golf bag complete with clubs.

Mr. Sizemore's position as Headmaster of Glades Day School was taken over by former head football coach, Mandy Perez.

A few of Mr. Sizemore's colleagues, friends, and coworkers had a few things to say about Buddy, as an educator, a friend, and a man in general...

"Seldom will you meet anyone as loved as Buddy

"I think Buddy is a fantastic individual and he's contributed many positive things to the school and community. He's a true asset

"His integrity stands out most about him. He's one, if not, the most honorable men I've ever met. I honestly believe he took on the role of Headmaster to help the students at Glades Day." - Jim Herring

to Belle Glade." - City Manager Lomax Harrelle

"Buddy helped to stabilize Glades Day School and build its curriculum. The Glades owes him a debt of gratitude. I am glad he's retiring though...now he'll have more time to play golf with me." - John Schlechter

"He's wonderful!" - Molly Norman

"Buddy is a strong, Christian man whos integrity and high morals were quickly passed on to the kids he's come to know. He was

the perfect Headmaster. I've made a lot of bad decisions in my life and a lot of good ones too. One of the best decisions was being on the board when we selected Buddy as Headmaster. That decision was only second to marrying my wife, Mary." - Mayor Steve Weeks

"Buddy is one of the finest and most caring individuals I've ever met. We are very fortunate to have him and his family in the Glades." - Dolly Hand

"We will all miss him. He and Mrs. Sizemore have always been such an important part of Glades Day School

and have always been involved as parents, teachers, and administrators. Everyone adores them; the kids, as well as the teachers. I feel like there will be space unfilled with him gone. It will be hard to fill that space. He wasn't just my boss, he was my friend also."

- Karen Hansford

"Buddy is an all-around good person. He's someone you can call a friend and he's good for the community. He's a good Christian leader and a total asset to the community." - Sonny Stein

"I was on the board that had the privilege of selecting Buddy as Headmaster. Buddy's integrity stands out most about him. He's one, if not, the most honorable man I've ever met. I honestly believe he took on the role of Headmaster to help the students at Glades Day." - Jim Herring

Mr. Sizemore responded to all the comments by saying, "There's only great memories in Belle Glade for me. When I first moved here, I knew it was a special place. This community is special...we need each other and we thrive on each other."

Stetson Univ. to hold fast pitch summer camps

The Stetson Hatters fast-pitch boarding camp will be held on July 20-24. The camp is open to players 12-18 and costs \$245.

They will also hold a day camp on June 23-26. The cost of camp is \$95 and is open to ages 9-17. Call (904) 822-8129 for more information.

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THE STARS WERE SHINING IN SOUTH BAY...Students from the H.I.P.P.Y. program graduated in a ceremony held Thursday, June 5, 1997 at a Rosenwald Elementary's cafeteria.

Glades Day sends three students to National Young Leaders Conference



Parker Altman



Carla Alvarez



Kristy Perez

Glades Day students Parker Altman, Carla Alvarez and Kristy Perez have been selected to attend the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C. this month. The Young Leaders Conference is a unique leadership development program for high school students who have demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic merit.

All three students will be seniors at GDS next year. Altman, the son of Thomas and Deborah Altman of Belle Glade, has a 4.0 grade point average and was president of the Junior Class. He was recently elected to preside over the Student Council for the 1997/98 school year. A member of the National Honor Society, he received several awards as a junior, including the William Danforth "I Dare You" leadership award.

"This is going to be a great opportunity for me," said Parker, who plans to pursue a career in political science and law. He is scheduled to attend the June 29-July 9 session. "It should be a great educational experience, since I will be getting an in-depth look at how the government actually works."

Kristy Perez, the daughter of Mandy and Flora Perez of Wellington, will attend the June 15-25 session along with Alvarez. She also ranks at the top of her class with a 4.0 grade point average. A member of the NHS, she

was selected to the 1998 yearbook staff and was a recipient of the Citizenship award during her junior year.

"This should be an exciting and fun trip," said Kristy, whose father recently took over as Headmaster of GDS. "I'm really interested in seeing the Senate and House of Representatives and getting a firsthand look at how they operate."

Carla Alvarez is the daughter of Rony and Maria Alvarez of Belle Glade. A varsity basketball athlete, she is also a member of the NHS with a 3.94 GPA and served as secretary of the Junior Class.

"I'm excited about going because I've never done anything like this," said Alvarez, who will be making her first trip to Washington, D.C. "I'm looking forward to seeing all of the government buildings and participating in the activities."

The National Young Leaders Conference is sponsored by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, a nonprofit, nonpartisan educational organization. Founded in 1985, the Council is committed to "fostering and inspiring young people to achieve their full leadership potential." Over 320 members of the U.S. Congress joined this commitment as members of the Council's Honorary Congressional Board of Advisors. Each year, only 7,000 outstanding youths nationwide may participate in the 20 sessions of the Conference.

The theme of the National Youth Leaders Conference is "The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today." Throughout the 11 day conference, students will interact with key leaders, newsmakers from the three branches of government, the media and the diplomatic corps.

To complement to special meetings, and briefings, Altman, Alvarez, and Perez will participate in a number of leadership skill building activities. In one activity, "If I Were President," students role-play the President, members of the Cabinet and representatives from Capitol Hill who must respond to an international crisis. The Conference culminates with the "Model Congress," in which scholars assume the roles of U.S. representatives by debating, amending and voting on proposed legislation dealing with juvenile justice, immigration reform, and national security.

"The conference provides the opportunities for students like Parker, Carla, and Kristy to distinguish themselves as tomorrow's leaders," said Michael Lasday, Council Executive Director. "Scholars not only gain knowledge and experience in the nation's capital, they leave with a sense of accomplishment and an increased ability to face the challenges of the future."

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QUITE AN HONOR...Glades Area Association for Retarded Citizens Executive Director Scot Kannel (C), was surprised and honored to receive the Robert Ettinger Award for excellence as an executive director. He is shown with GAARC Board President Stephen Baumgartner, who nominated him for the award, and Board member Sandra Chamblee.

GAARC Executive Director Scot Kannel wins Robert Ettinger Award

Glades Area Association for Retarded Citizens Executive Director Scot Kannel was the recipient of the Robert Ettinger Award on May 30 in Orlando at the State ARC Convention. The award was begun several years ago in honor of Mr. Ettinger, who was a former highly-respected executive director for ARC.

Mr. Kannel was chosen for his leadership in the development of services for the local Glades ARC, his relationship with the community, staff and parents, his innovation and problem solving and his community involvement. He was nominated for the award by Glades Board of Directors President Stephen Baumgartner, who said, "Mr. Kannel has been a leader in the developmental services community in Palm Beach County."

Mr. Kannel has served as the executive director of the GAARC since 1989. He began his service in the field of mental retardation at the Howard County (Maryland) ARC in 1976. He served as a founding member of the Part H Steering Committee in the county, whose members developed the structure and protocols of what became the local Part H Network when that legislation was enacted and remains a Part H Steering Committee member to this day.

In 1995 Mr. Kannel was elected as president of the Palm Beach County Interagency Council on Developmental Disabilities. During his tenure, the ICDD influenced the statewide development of Supported Employment Standards.

"When Mr. Kannel took over the administrative responsibilities of the (GAARC) in 1989, he inherited a significant deficit," said Mr. Baumgartner, in his letter of recommendation. "Development of a prudent management plan in cooperation with the Board of Directors, including

restructuring of debt and reorganization of staffing patterns, resulted in retirement of that debt in two and a half years without negative impact on client services."

Mr. Kannel was very involved in the local First Families Forum and the Second Families Forum. "Throughout their careers, Mr. Kannel and his wife (Mary) have been involved with every community in which they have lived and worked," said Mr. Baumgartner. "Together they founded the first high school in the West Indian community they resided in for 10 years. As human service providers in the Glades area, while Mr. Kannel has been at the ARC, Mrs. Kannel has served the HIV/AIDS affected population," he added.

Mr. Kannel has been a member of the local Kiwanis, served for three years as a member of the Board of the Ryan White Consortium, served four years as a member of the Policy Board of P.E.P.P.I. Head Start and continues to serve on its Health Advisory Team as its expert on developmental issues, and currently represents the ARC as a member of the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce Board.

"Over his eight year tenure at the Glades Area Association for Retarded Citizens, Scot Kannel has been both a motivating force and a catalyst for action," said Mr. Baumgartner, "Repeatedly demonstrating his dedication to, and compassion for the clients of the ARC. He is fiscally competent and programatically innovative, and commits long hours to the mission of the organization."

Mr. Kannel said he was very honored to receive the Robert Ettinger Award, especially since he knows the quality of people nominated for the award this year. "I was very flattered and surprised. It is quite an honor," he said.

Rotary guests speak on various topics

The Belle Glade Rotary Club has hosted several guest speakers the past few weeks. Carl Seibert, executive director for The EDGE Center, Inc. in Belle Glade was the guest speaker May 13. EDGE stands for Enterprise Development for Glades Entrepreneurs, and the organization supports small businesses interested in establishing a business in the Glades.

Mr. Seibert told Rotarians that the EDGE

Center arose out of a county-wide focus on economic development that began in 1989 and in 1993, the county commission convened an Economic Summit of business leaders, elected officials, and community leaders. They wanted to establish the formation of a network of business incubators in Palm Beach County.

In 1995, the Private Industry Council (PIC) and Glades Development Corporation (GDCO) obtained a grant of \$10,000 from the county to conduct a needs assessment survey for the Glades. The results prompted a second round of financing in the amount of \$20,000 to actually begin the Glades Incubator Project.

In May of 1996, the Palm Beach County School Board made the old Glades Central High School Library Building available for GDCO for its offices and to house an incubator project. In the fall of 1996, a project steering committee assembled and began the job of writing the business plan and structuring the organization. And on Jan. 22, 1997, a board of directors was

assembled. Palm Beach County gave a grant of \$80,000 in April for the start up operations of the EDGE Center and Mr. Seibert was hired as the first executive director.

On June 2, Barbara Medema, public relations

director for the Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative spoke to Rotarians. She discussed the struggle by sugar farmers to defeat last year's "sugar tax" and outlined the program currently being pursued to continue favorable public opinion of sugar farming in the area.



EDGE Ex. Dir. Carl Seibert



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Chamber wants pioneer families to participate in 4th of July festivities

Plans are under way for the celebration of Pahokee's "75th on the 4th". The City of Pahokee was incorporated in 1922 and is celebrating her Diamond Jubilee this year.

Parade Co-chairs, Hilda Edmondson and Jenelle Leathman say they are preparing for an exciting patriotic and historic parade. "We encourage everyone to participate. What a fun way to start

off the 4th. Bring your family and join our parade by dressing in red, white, and blue or vintage roaring 20's clothing. Show your pride in Pahokee and the USA by marching with us." The parade theme is "Celebrating Pahokee's Diamond Jubilee." Anyone may enter a float, walking unit, motor unit, individual, family or group.

Recognition will be given in each category as well as one for child or family who best represents the theme, and walks in the parade. Pioneer families who participate will also be honored. Call 924-6382 and leave your name and number to obtain further information. "This is a great day for families and friends to enjoy together. Please join us for the celebration," says Shirley Jarriel, Pahokee Main Street Coordinator.

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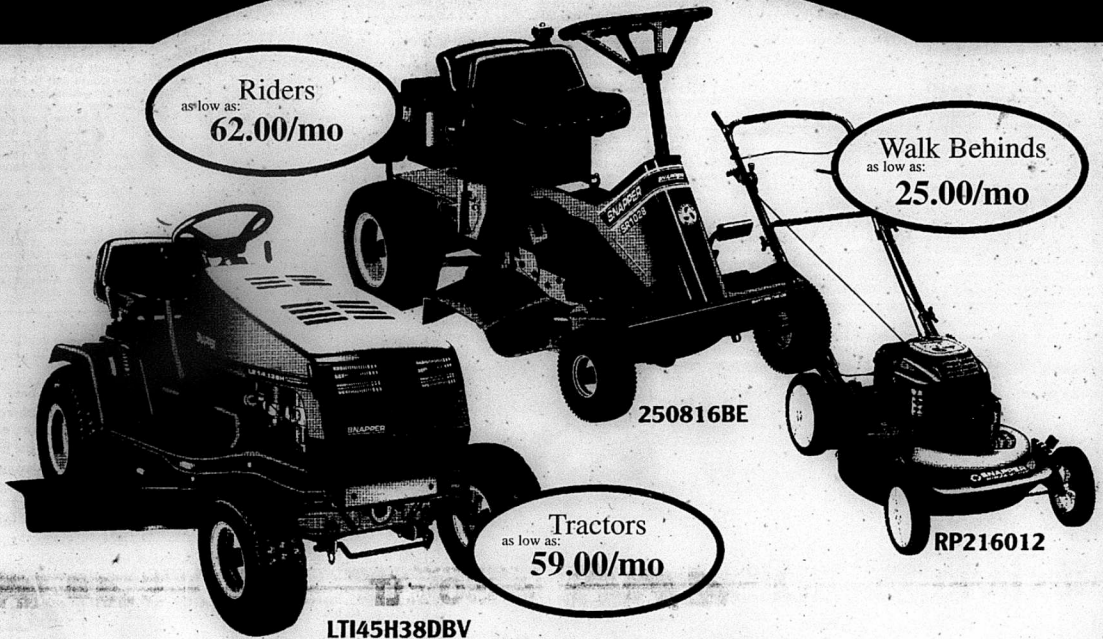
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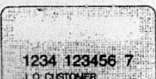
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The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

By Mike Lyons

THE GOOD

The residents of Galveston, Texas never had a chance. The category four hurricane that struck the island in September of 1900 claimed over 6,000 lives. No one knew it was coming, so no one could prepare or evacuate.

Today, we always know when a tropical system is headed our way. The marvels of modern technology make sure there aren't any surprises in the tropics anymore.

In outer space, sophisticated weather satellites scan the skies, ready to eyeball any suspicious cloud. Along the coastline from Texas to Maine, the National Weather Service has just completed installing 54 state-of-the-art Doppler radars prepared to analyze a hurricane's winds and rainfall.

In Tampa, ready for its first test, sits the newest high-tech tool in the hurricane forecasting arsenal of the National Weather Service. It is a \$37 million high altitude jet that is expected to improve hurricane forecasts by as much as 20 percent.

"For the first time, forecasters will have atmospheric data at high altitudes where steering currents direct the motion of a hurricane," said D. James Baker, the Undersecretary of Commerce. "We'll have a complete picture of the atmosphere all around a developing storm."

Hurricane Hunter aircraft will fly into hurricanes to measure wind speed and baro-

metric pressure. The new jet will fly around and above the hurricane at altitudes up to 45,000 feet, measuring wind currents in the upper atmosphere that steer the storm.

That's information forecasters at the National Hurricane Center have never had before. It could mean a revolution in hurricane forecasting.

"The jet is going to give us detailed information on the steering flow of the storm," said Jerry Jarrell, Deputy Director of the National Hurricane Center. "When we combine that data with our computer models, I think you'll see better forecasts."

Even without the new jet, forecasters have done a remarkable job predicting hurricanes over the last two seasons. Remember Hurricane Bertha last July?

That storm was headed right



toward us yet the National Hurricane Center predicted it would turn to the north, away from our coastline. The storm did make that turn, almost



exactly where the Hurricane Center said it would.

Still, Jarrell says there is room for improvement. Last year, for example, a 48 hour forecast was correct to within 150 miles. Twenty-four hour forecasts were better, pinpointing a hurricane's track to within 85 miles. Jarrell says the new jet should help increase the accuracy of forecasts even more.

This improved accuracy will be expensive, however. It cost \$37 million to build the new jet and a typical nine hour research flight runs \$25,000. Yet, the jet could save thousands more with better forecasts.

"For every mile we don't have to evacuate, we save as much as \$1 million," said Dr. Elbert Friday, the head of the National Weather Service.

Still, some experts including Bob Sheets, the former director of the Hurricane Center, worry that high operating costs will

keep the jet on the ground. But, Friday says when a hurricane is out in the Atlantic, the jet will be airborne.

The Gulfstream IV jet will be housed with NOAA's P-E Hurricane Hunter aircraft at the Aircraft Operations Center in Tampa.

THE BAD AND THE UGLY

It seems hard to believe that it has been five years since Hurricane Andrew slammed into southern Dade County. It seems more like yesterday that as powerful hurricane became the costliest natural disaster in United States history.

Geographically, Andrew actually struck just a small part of South Florida. Yet, this category four hurricane continues to affect us all even today.

Andrew's largest impact and lasting legacy is in the area of homeowner's insurance. Ten insurance companies were forced into bankruptcy following the storm, while others fled the state.

The providers that remain have hiked insurance rates to astronomical heights. Some folks can't even get insurance, so the state of Florida had to step in with the Joint Underwriting Association.

Still, for some folks, homeowner's insurance remains a big problem. Nancy McKenzie is a typical case.

"All you do is work, come home and collapse. You shouldn't have to do that," Nancy said. But Nancy has to do that if she wants to keep

her North Palm Beach home. Nancy works three jobs, not to pay her mortgage, but to pay her homeowner's insurance.

The insurance on her three bedroom home was \$400 a year. That was before Hurricane Andrew. Now, Nancy's insurance bill is over \$2,000.

Half of that is for general coverage, like fire and theft. Four hundred dollars goes to flood insurance and \$675 covers high winds and hail. "If I don't have the wind pool coverage and a hurricane comes and the house is gone, I lose," Nancy said. "There wasn't a choice."

Nancy hasn't had many choices when it comes to insurance. In March of 1996, All



State dropped her after 17 years. The reason? Her 31 year old house was considered too old to insure. By the way, Nancy had never filed a claim during those 17 years.

Like thousands of other people, Nancy turned to the state of Florida and its Joint

Underwriting Association. But, in March of this year, the JUA dropped her, too. "I just got a letter saying I've been dropped and that's it," she said.

The state insurance department says the JUA is intended as a short-term solution to the insurance problem. Now that insurance companies are returning to Florida, the state says more and more people will be booted out of the JUA.

Nancy was told her new home insurance provider would be New Hampshire Insurance. But the company would supply that coverage without a local agent. Just an 800 phone number.

"I cannot imagine a hurricane coming and not having a local agent around to try and help you out," Nancy said. "Say a hurricane comes and the phone is down. What are you supposed to do?"

So, like a lot of people, Nancy doesn't have many options. She could sell her home, but it's not something she wants to consider.

"This house means a lot to me not only because it was in the family, it was my mother's," Nancy said. "This is my retirement. I don't make a lot of money and the house is great."

If you think Nancy is an isolated case, think again. Over 200,000 Floridians are scheduled to be removed from the JUA over the next few months. The only real solution to the homeowner's insurance nightmare is for a series of quiet hurricane seasons.

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